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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MARVIN ALTON HYATT, SR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Marvin Alton Hyatt, Sr.

Marvin passed away on May 7, 2021, and returned to the God he faithfully served for 87 years.

Marvin was born in Dillon, South Carolina on May 12, 1933. He attended and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1959, with a degree in pharmacy, and later established a scholarship fund within the University of South Carolina School of Pharmacy for those students choosing to enter the lifelong profession that he loved and cherished for so long.

He founded Good Pharmacy in Rock Hill, South Carolina, which he operated for 58 years. Marvin was the face of Good Pharmacy, where he greeted everyone with a smile, true compassion, and a desire to serve the hundreds of customers, regardless of race, standing in life, or ability to pay.

Marvin was legendary for meeting anyone, anywhere, at any time, and was genuinely concerned and interested in the well-being of his customers. In short, when it came to customer service, Marvin Hyatt not only talked the talk, but he walked the walk, which is rare in today's world.

Marvin Hyatt was active in his church, Woodland Methodist, for over 60 years, where he served as treasurer and as a board member. His community service included serving as a board member of Guardian Fidelity bank, WRHI radio station; past president of the Sertoma Club, Rotary Club, Elks Lodge, and the Alexa R. Good ALS Foundation.

Marvin was married to the love of his life, Lois Jones Hyatt, for 63 years. Together, they had two children: Marvin Alton Hyatt, Jr., and Laura Hyatt Sweat, both of whom are registered pharmacists and are working in Good Pharmacy today. Marvin and Lois have three grandchildren: Alton, Katie Jane, and Tyler.

The legacy of Marvin Alton Hyatt will be that of a man who served his God, his country, and his fellow man. He exemplified service above self, and for the 87 years that he walked on this Earth, his life was a true testament of living out his Christian faith in word and in deed.

O.V. LEWIS CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor O.V. Lewis of Blairsville, Georgia, for his 90th birthday on June 16.

O.V. has dedicated the majority of his life to Young Harris College. He

served as an instructor of accounting for 48 years, and registrar for 31 years at Young Harris College, and retired with the longest tenure of any previous employee.

During his time at the school, Lewis had an unparalleled commitment to his students, both inside and outside the classroom, that has lasted well beyond graduation. Those who have been influenced by Lewis, such as myself, praise his positive impact on their education and career.

Throughout his whole life, Lewis has been generous with his time, talent, and resources as he continues to devote his life to improving those around him.

As a graduate of Young Harris College, I am proud to rise today to recognize O.V. Lewis's 90th birthday and lifetime of mentoring and inspiring our future generations.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF FRITZ NOACK

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember and honor the life of Fritz Noack, who passed away on June 3, 2021.

After serving as an organ building apprentice in Germany, Fritz immigrated to the United States and founded the Noack Organ Company in 1960 in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

As a leading figure of the organ revival movement, Fritz influenced the American organ building scene during the late 20th century. After priding himself on the production of first-rate organs for 55 years, Fritz retired in 2015.

Fritz directed the construction of 160 organs during his time in the industry. His instruments are found across America, as well as Iceland and Japan. In fact, Fritz's 100th organ is located at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church in Savannah, Georgia. The music provided by this organ has entertained the congregation of Wesley Monumental for many years, and I am certain Fritz's legacy will continue through his instruments around the world.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF HARRY STRACK

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Harry Strack for his remarkable service to our country.

Harry was drafted into the military in 1968, and completed his basic training at Fort Bragg. He served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970, in the 196th Light Infantry Brigade.

Harry has become a recognized veteran in the Sea Isle community by sharing his story and honoring those who served alongside him. Since returning from Vietnam, Harry has been proud to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

During the Sea Isle Memorial Day ceremony, Harry received a Quilt of Valor to recognize his selfless service and sacrifice. Harry's pride in his service and duty to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice is extraordinary, and I am honored to recognize him today.

I know that everyone in Georgia's First Congressional District thanks him for his service.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND JAMES OWENS AS A PROVISIONAL ELDER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend James Owens' commission as a provisional elder in the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Reverend Owens has served at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church in Savannah, Georgia, for the past 7 years. Before moving to Savannah, Reverend Owens earned a bachelor of arts in journalism from the University of Georgia and a master of divinity from Denver Seminary and Duke University Divinity School.

As a provisional elder, Reverend Owens will faithfully serve Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church and the Savannah community. With his passion to share and teach the gospel, I know Reverend Owens will continue his tremendous work as a provisional elder at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church.

I am proud to rise today to recognize Reverend Owens for his tremendous achievement, and I know that he will continue to inspire his congregation.

THE STAFF AT THE ARC OF SOUTH CAROLINA ARE HEROES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from South Carolina (Ms. MACE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend an incredible effort put forth in my State during the pandemic.

The Arc of South Carolina is a non-profit organization that advocates for the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Their work is critical in South Carolina and South Carolina's First Congressional District, and they deserve to be recognized for all of their efforts.

Like many organizations during the past year and a half, the Arc of South Carolina has struggled to acquire PPE, hiring staff, and coping with different social distancing guidelines, particularly given the scope of their work.

Margie Williamson and her team had to continue providing services at disproportionately high costs compared to businesses who received State and Federal assistance. A staggering number of their staff fell ill to COVID-19 during the pandemic, but their team and their organization was able to provide superior support to all of these families with enormous needs nonetheless.

I cannot begin to thank the staff, not only at the Arc of South Carolina, but every worker across the State everywhere who persevered. You are the heroes of South Carolina's pandemic story.

The Arc of South Carolina is dedicated to helping families, and I wanted to highlight all they were able to accomplish during the most challenging of times.

ANTONIO GREENE'S ACT OF KINDNESS

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a local Amazon driver named Antonio Greene, who learned that someone living along his route was undergoing chemotherapy.

When Antonio learned this, he thought back to his own family. He lost his parents and grandmother over the last couple years, and occasionally he would buy cards and flowers for members of his family to offer encouragement and support.

Greene, a North Charleston native, did the same last summer for another individual in South Carolina's First Congressional District who had been immunocompromised during the pandemic.

Antonio's act of kindness has landed him among seven people to be recognized by the JFK Foundation, and I applaud all of those individuals carrying out small acts of kindness during the pandemic. I commend Antonio and anyone who has risked their own health and safety to protect others during COVID-19. Those who showed compassion in ways like this always deserve this kind of recognition.

RESTAURANTS OVERCAME UNCERTAINTY DURING PANDEMIC

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to restaurants and the resilience of so many in this industry; specifically, Vintage Lounge, Butcher & Bee, Harold's Cabin, and Chasing Sage in South Carolina's First Congressional District.

These restaurants did not take any aid or receive any relief during the COVID-19 crisis. They were even closed during the beginning of the pandemic and they were unable to receive any restaurant relief funds as well, but they survived despite these challenges.

Every restaurant owner with hopes of making it through the COVID-19 crisis had to choose a survival strategy that worked. I would like to bring attention to all four of these restaurants, which are now open or in the process of reopening post-pandemic. This is a major feat worth celebrating, especially since they faced unprecedented challenges to an already vulnerable industry.

In Charleston, in South Carolina's First Congressional District, our hospitality and restaurant industry has been critically hit. These companies and restaurants had to prompt guests to wear masks, in line with city regulations; and if they weren't out by 11 p.m., they had to go, by State order.

But so many were determined to uphold the same hospitality standards they had in place prior to the pandemic. Vintage Lounge, Butcher & Bee, Harold's Cabin, and Chasing Sage, among hundreds of other restaurants, are now open for business again. I commend their stories of success during the pandemic.

RECOGNIZING TEE YOUNG AND PRESTON WHITE

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great honor and pride to bring awareness to two constituents in South Carolina's First Congressional District

for their fantastic effort they put forth in our community.

Tee Young and Preston White helped facilitate the First Annual Crosstown Basketball Tournament, which was held in Hampton Park this last Saturday, just next door to my alma mater, the Citadel.

These young men arranged the tournament as a way to bring the east and west sides of the city of Charleston together and provide a nice evening for the community filled with food and basketball.

I cannot be more proud of Tee and Preston showing Charleston and South Carolina and all of our communities how we are stronger and better together and showing how strong Charleston is.

God bless these young men, the State of South Carolina, and the United States of America.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS CAN REBUILD INFRASTRUCTURE EFFECTIVELY FOR LESS MONEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BARR) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the importance of our Nation's infrastructure and how to rebuild our transportation system the right way.

While we are hearing about the various proposals from Congress and the administration that would raise taxes or add to the deficit to spend hundreds of billions of dollars and even trillions of dollars on infrastructure, I would suggest that this body take a closer look at how frequently infrastructure can be built effectively without further burdening the taxpayer or our children for generations to come.

As a member of the House Financial Services Committee, I hear routinely from the private sector, the financial services industry, banks, insurance companies, asset managers, pension funds, private equity firms, life insurance firms, and the like that trillions of dollars of private capital is readily available to efficiently rebuild our Nation's infrastructure without undermining American competitiveness through higher taxes.

Public-private partnerships utilize the best features of the public sector and the private sector to finance, design, build, and even operate our critical infrastructure necessary to support safe and efficient channels of commerce, grow our economy, and sustain our quality of life.

The best example I have seen comes from my own State of Kentucky, where the small community of Brandenburg partnered with a contractor, The Walker Company, and GRW Engineers, to design, build, and finance a new wastewater treatment plant for Brandenburg. This project had significant urgency due to the announcement that Nucor Steel intended to build a new \$1.7 billion steel mill on the property

that included the site of the existing treatment plant.

The P3 delivery method, authorized by Kentucky statutes passed in 2016, was utilized to cut \$3.5 million in cost from the \$8.3 million project and to save at least one year over the normal taxpayer-financed, design-bid-build process.

Relocating this plant in a timely and cost-effective manner allowed Nucor Steel to begin construction of its facility, which soon will bring over 400 good-paying jobs to the region.

Mr. Speaker, whatever infrastructure bill emerges from this Congress, I would urge my colleagues to reject the Biden administration's call for growth-destroying tax increases and instead look to America's deep and liquid capital markets as the solution and use public-private partnerships as a significant feature of the legislation.

RECOGNIZING OUR NATION'S POLICE OFFICERS

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Nation's police officers and honor the sacrifices that many brave men and women of law enforcement make every single day.

We mourn for Detective James Kirk, Officer Martez Hughes, and Special Deputy Sheriff Lee Daniel Manns from Kentucky, as well as the hundreds of other law enforcement officers from across the country who have given their lives in the line of duty over the last year.

Beginning in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed into law a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week. Republicans and Democrats continued the tradition of honoring officers who serve and officers who died in the line of duty each year since.

Sadly, Mr. Speaker, President Biden broke this tradition in his proclamation on May 7 and politicized this year's National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day by criticizing police for the distrust that some Americans have of law enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, blaming the police for the increase in antipolice sentiment is not how we honor those who swear an oath to uphold public trust, even though the officers may become targets for senseless acts of violence.

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According to the FBI's Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted database, fatal felony attacks on officers spiked 31.6 percent in early 2021. This comes on the heels of our Nation's major cities, Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles, all vowing to defund their police departments. It is no wonder why these cities have tragically seen a devastating and dramatic increase in homicides and shootings in 2021. This is what you get when you call for defunding the police.

To our brave law enforcement officers who protect and serve our communities, I stand with you, and I am grateful for all you do to keep us safe.